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April 28, 2006

Bryant K. Robinson Principal Analyst NSTAR Gas Company 800 Boylston Street, SUMNE 240 Boston MA 02199

Re: NSTAR Gas Company, 2006 Off-Peak CGAC Filing, D.T.E. 06-GAF-08

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") hereby gives conditional approval to NSTAR Gas Company's ("NSTAR" or "Company") Off-Peak Cost of Gas Adjustment Factor ("GAF") of \$1.1855 per therm as filed with the Department on March 16, 2006. The GAF is to be applied to firm gas sales during the billing period of May 1, 2006, through October 31, 2006.

The Department allows the application of the GAF but may, if future conditions warrant, change the factor or the method of computation. The Department may, as conditions

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warrant, also require NSTAR to refund to its customers any amounts that are, upon later review of Company filings or of other relevant evidence, found by the Department to be the result of imprudent Company action.

By Order of the Department,
/s/
/s/ Judith F. Judson, Chairman
/s/
James Connelly, Commissioner
/s/
/s/ W. Robert Keating, Commissioner
/s/
/s/ Paul G. Afonso, Commissioner
<u>/s/</u>
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